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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION ON FEBRUARY 21, 1973

At the request of the Director, Dr. Schlesinger, I called on Mr. John Dean at his office at the White House at 1430. I explained to him that, in connection with his request that the Agency ask the Department of Justice to return a package of material that had been sent to them in connection with the Watergate investigation, it was quite impossible for us to request the return of this, as this would simply mean that a note would be left in the Department of Justice files that the material had been sent back to the Agency, and we had been asked not to destroy any material in any way related to this case. I again told him that there was no Agency involvement in this case and that any attempt to involve the Agency in it could only be harmful to the United States. He seemed disappointed. I then left.

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